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Dr. U. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, are we having supplementary questions or a regular debate? "

Sri B. BHEEMA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Minister proposes to introduce compulsory primary education in any part of the Province this year? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The question does not arise, Sir."

Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" May I ask, Sir, whether even in the separate Muslim schools in Andhra Desa the text. books are all in Telugu? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Notice, Sir."

II.—ELECTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

[*Note.*—An asterisk(*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member].

* Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates have been nominated for election to the House Committee :—

Sri B. Bheema Rao.

,, S. Jayarama Reddiyar.

,, M. Narayana Menon.

,, T. Purushotham.

Mrs. Mona Hensman.

Janab Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib Bahadur.

As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 143 of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be Members of the said Committee :—

Mr. K. O. Anthoni.

Sri H. M. Jagannatham."

III.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

* Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri G. Venkata Reddy is the only candidate duly nominated for a seat in the Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. I hereby declare him duly elected."

IV.—GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR 1946–47.

* Sri B. BHEEMA RAO :—" Mr. President, let me have the first privilege of addressing the House on this occasion."

An hon. MEMBER :—" You are not in the Opposition."

* Mr. PRESIDENT :—" If Mr. Bheema Rao is not anxious to speak first, I would like somebody on the side of the Opposition to speak."